

the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 and 13 through 16 without prejudice and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend Claims 2 and 7 as follows:

2. (Twice amended) A method for use by a pregnant woman for identifying the premature rupture of a membrane during pregnancy, the method comprising the sequential steps of:

forming an article for wearing in the crotch of the pregnant woman, said article including an upper layer, said upper layer being in contact with the crotch of the pregnant woman;

applying to said upper layer of said article a pH-sensitive material capable of responding by way of a visible change to the presence of a fluid with a pH in the range of amniotic fluid, said pH-sensitive material being non-irritating to the woman and having a readily applicable form, said form being selected from the group consisting of liquid drops, atomized spray, aerosol liquid, powder, gel, and a solid;

wearing said article for a period of time; and

visualizing said pH-sensitive material for a visible change.

7. (Twice amended) A method for use by a pregnant woman for

identifying the premature rupture of a membrane during pregnancy, the method comprising the sequential steps of:

forming an article for wearing in the crotch of the pregnant woman, said article including an upper layer, said upper layer being in contact with the crotch of the pregnant woman;

wearing said article for a period of time;

applying to said article a pH-sensitive material capable of responding by way of a visible change to the presence of a fluid with a pH in the range of amniotic fluid, said pH-sensitive material being non-irritating to the woman; and

visualizing said pH-sensitive material for a visible change.